

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain in the present application. Claims 9-22 are indicated as being allowable. In accordance with the allowable subject matter indicated, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent Claim 3. Accordingly, Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully asserts that all remaining claims (Claims 1-2 and Claims 4-22) are now in condition for allowance.



CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that all remaining claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,
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